

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	§
Krishna Rao Boyapati et al.	§
	§ Group Art Unit: 1754
Serial No.: 10/609,102	§
	§ Examiner: Paul A. Wartalowicz
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For: CO-PRODUCING HYDROGEN	§ Atty. Docket: 132479-1
AND POWER BY BIOMASS	§
GASIFICATION	§

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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED ON
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The examiner has restricted examination of claims 1-30 of this application. Specifically the Examiner restricted claims 1-21 to Group I, as being drawn to a method and claims 22-30 to group II as being drawn to an apparatus.

Applicants submit that the claims in the instant invention are so interrelated that the species require a search of the same technical arts. Thus, Applicants further submit that the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, even if the Examiner maintains that it includes claims to distinct and independent inventions (kindly see MPEP 803).

Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's reason for restriction, if an election has to be made between the identified groups, Applicants elect to prosecute claims 22-30 drawn to the apparatus, with traverse. Applicants reserve the right to reinstate claims 1-21 drawn to a method, at a later stage as allowed by §1.142 (b).

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application towards issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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